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Good afternoon,

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

I refer to your request for information regarding **Senior Phase Classes**. You requested a list of senior phase classes for every secondary school in the Highland Council which are single-level, bi-level, tri-level or quad-level (ie. where only one qualification level, such as National 4, National 5, Higher or Advanced Higher, is being delivered in the same class).

We do not hold this information centrally, and to gather it we would need to go to each secondary school in the Highland Council, which would then need to compile the information. Therefore the amount of resource required to provide the response would exceed the fees threshold (£600). Section 12 of the Act states that, where the cost of provision of information exceeds the fees threshold (£600), public authorities are not obliged to comply with a request. As it would be unreasonable under the act to compile this information we are unable to provide you with the data you requested.

We are able to provide you with a list of classes in secondary schools wherein three or more SQA levels are being taught in the same classroom. Please find this information at the end of this letter.

As this information is not collated centrally, our information was taken from a survey of Secondary School Head Teachers in May 2019, which requested the number of classes in their schools teaching three or more levels of SQA courses within the same classroom at the same time. Some schools did not respond to our survey within the timeframe given, and are not included on the list below.

Please note that many Secondary classes start as single level classes, but as the year progresses and pupils work at different rates in certain subjects classes naturally become more diverse in level. This is simply to ensure that all pupils are being presented at the correct level for their work and gaining success and accreditation as opposed to timetabling constraints.

Under Section 20 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, you have the right to request that the Highland Council reviews any aspect of how it has dealt with your request. This requirement for review should be put in writing to the Freedom of Information Officer, Chief Executive's Office, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness IV3 5NX, within 40 working days of receipt of this letter. The request should include details of the information requested and the aspects of the Highland Council's response which you are not satisfied with.

If you are subsequently dissatisfied with the outcome of the Council's review, you have the right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner under Section 47 of the Act, within six months of receiving the Council's review response.

Further guidance on information request reviews and right to appeal can be found on the Scottish Information Commissioner website at www.itspublicknowledge.info.

Yours sincerely,



Dr. James Vance
Interim Head of Education

School	Subject Name:	Levels taught at same time:
Alness Academy	Geography	5 and 6
Alness Academy	Music	4,5 and 6
Alness Academy	Art	5 and 6
Culloden Academy	Technical	3, 4, 5
Culloden Academy	Art	3, 4, 5
Dornoch Academy	None	
Drummond School	None	
Farr High School	Physics	3,4,5
Farr High School	Chemistry	3,4,5
Fortrose Academy	Art & Design	Levels 3, 4, 5
Fortrose Academy	Design & Manufacture/ Design Technology	Levels 3, 4, 5
Fortrose Academy	Graphic Communication	Levels 4, 5, 6
Fortrose Academy	Woodwork/Craft & Design	Levels 3, 4, 5
Fortrose Academy	Modern Studies	Levels 3, 4, 5
Gairloch High School	None	
Grantown Grammar School	Art	3/4/5/6/7
Grantown Grammar School	Music	4/5/6/7
Inverness High School	History	3,4,5
Inverness High School	Geography	3,4,5
Inverness High School	Modern Studies	3,4,5
Inverness High School	Art	3,4,5
Inverness High School	Music	3,4,5
Inverness High School	PE	3,4,5
Inverness High School	Biology	3,4,5
Inverness High School	Chemistry	3,4,5
Inverness High School	Hospitality: Practical Cookery	3,4,5
Kingussie High School	RMPS	4,5,6
Kingussie High School	Art	4,5,6
Kingussie High School	Computing Science	4,5,6
Kingussie High School	Graphic Communication	4,5,6
Kingussie High School	Digital Passport	L4,5,6
Kingussie High School	Hospitality	3,4,5
Lochaber High School	None	
Nairn Academy	Art and Design	4,5,6
Nairn Academy	Music	4,5,6,7
Nairn Academy	Gaelic	BGE class mixed with 4,5

Plockton High School	None	
Portree High School	None	
St Clement's	English/Literacy	5, 3, 2, ESOL N2
St Clement's	ICT	1,2,3
St Clement's	Maths	1,2,3
Thurso High	Art & Design	3,4,5 and 5,6,7
Thurso High	Music	3,4,5
Ullapool High School	None	